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NEILSON'S SECRET WIFE IS KEPT FROM HIM

Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt's Brother's Marriage to Miss Marguerite Wall Became Known—Went to Claim Her but Was Not Allowed to See Her.

"I Have Made Up My Mind Never to See You Again," Was Contained in a Letter Which She Wrote to Her Husband.

Following close upon the heels of the published notice that Jules Blanc Neilson, son of Mrs. Frederick Neilson and brother to Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, had on Jan. 8 last been secretly married to Daisy (Marguerite) Wall, came the startling announcement from the home of young Mrs. Neilson's father, Mr. Frank T. Wall, a millionaire rope manufacturer, of No. 1009 Madison avenue, that he had separated the young couple and refused to admit Mr. Neilson to his home, where the bride is now living.

Mr. Neilson made several attempts to enter the Madison avenue mansion of Mr. Wall this afternoon in order to speak to his bride, but was each time repulsed. Then he went to Mr. Wall's office on South street, where he failed to obtain an audience with his father-in-law.

He made a last attempt to see his wife at 2 o'clock this afternoon and was again told that Mrs. Neilson was not at home and that none of her relatives would see him.

As he was leaving the house he was asked if he would make any statement, and said:

"I called at Mr. Wall's house at 12:15 o'clock to-day to demand my wife. I was told that neither she nor her father was at home. I went from there to his office, expecting to find Mr. Wall.

"Miss Wall and I were married secretly on Jan. 8. We believed that our parents would oppose the marriage. My wife continued to live with her father. Mr. Wall did not know of the marriage until last Monday. On Tuesday my uncle, Mr. Frederick Gebhard, handed me a letter in my wife's handwriting, which read as follows:

"I have made up my mind never to see you again or live with you."

"DAISY WALL."

"I find, however, that shortly after the letter was handed to me my wife called on Father Van Busseler, who is my priest at St. Francis Xavier's, and told him that she would not give me up. I have not seen her since, but I believe she loves me and wants to come to me."

"Neither she nor I wishes to get a divorce. I believe that her father is detaining her in his house against her will. I am going to continue to apply at the house until I get some satisfaction. I shall demand to see my wife and take her away with me."

"If they shall again tell me at the house that she is not at home I shall wait there until they produce her. I believe I shall have my wife by 5 o'clock this afternoon. If Mr. Wall does not come to terms I shall take the matter to the courts, but I believe it will be settled without resort to law. I know of no impediment to our marriage, and I cannot see that Mr. Wall has any right to act as he has done."

The father of the bride telephoned to his office the following, to be given out:

DECLARATION OF WAR EXPECTED IN FAR EAST

LONDON, Jan. 23.—High officials here say they believe war or peace will be decided upon to-day or to-morrow.

After a conference of the heads of all the departments of the Manchurian administration, orders were issued that a list of every available army and navy reserve man in Manchuria be drawn up, as well as a list of those indispensable for the civil administration, whom it is impossible to send to the front.

It is claimed that the reserves total 30,000.

The bulk of the Port Arthur fleet is stationed just outside the mouth of the harbor.

Naval and military stores in unusual quantities are being bought on the condition of immediate delivery.

TOKIO, Jan. 23.—P. M.—No reply has yet been received from St. Petersburg.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A despatch to the Central News from Tokio says: "An extraordinary issue of the Gazette has been published, containing an imperial ordinance approving the various coast defense regulations and forbidding, under stated penalties, the navigation of private vessels, fishing within specified areas or the carrying out of marine work which might be inimical to the Japanese naval interests."

The decree is regarded as being highly significant.

"The Kokumin Shinbun, in a warlike editorial, declares that the arrival of non-arrival of Russia's reply does not affect the situation and says: 'Every hope of securing the legitimate demands of Japan diplomatically has been abandoned and the Government therefore is compelled to take such steps and to reserve to itself such freedom of action as will insure perpetual peace in the Far East.'"

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FIRE PANIC IN BIG SKY-SCRAPER

Several Persons Injured in Rush of Two Thousand Occupants of Chicago's Masonic Temple from Threatening Blaze.

EXPLOSION ADDS TO THE TERROR OF THOSE IN PERIL.

Crowds in the Street Scattered by Blow-Up of Chemicals, and Some Burned, While Others Were Trampled.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—A blaze that threatened the 2,000 occupants of the Masonic Temple, a twenty-story skyscraper, this afternoon was attended with many sensational incidents and caused intense excitement, during which several persons were injured. There was a panic in the towering structure as men and women thronged about the elevator landings in the attempt to escape from the smoke, which filled the halls and threatened suffocation to all.

The series of elevators surrounding the rotunda in the center of the building continued to run while the smoke and flames issued from the windows in the fourth story, where the fire originated.

A number of persons were injured as a result of the blaze. R. Friedlander, in whose suite the fire originated, was found unconscious on the floor. He was overcome by smoke and chemical fumes.

While firemen were getting the people out of the Temple an explosion that blew out some of the windows caused a stampede of the crowds in the streets, several persons being slightly burned and one man trampled.

Rush for Elevators. Occupants of the building, warned by the suffocating clouds of smoke that rose through the many-storied rotunda and penetrated every corridor, lost no time in making efforts for safe exit. Guards were stationed at each elevator landing on every floor and the panic-stricken people were hurried from the building.

The origin of the fire was in an explosion of chemicals in a doctor's office on the fifth floor. The explosion was a sufficient notice of danger to the occupants of the floors immediately above and below, but was unheard by hundreds of other persons in the vast structure, who received their warning when suddenly confronted with walls of dense smoke.

In a short time the fire was raging on three floors containing many chemical establishments and doctor's offices. Further explosions were momentarily feared. As at the Troquois catastrophe Fire Marshal Musham was soon on hand, and he quickly warned his men of the danger.

Women Fainted. From the top floor down the carriers were jammed with passengers, and a number of women fainted in the cars. The men for the most part retained their senses. The elevator men stuck to their work like heroes and continued to run their lifts until it was said that every person was out of the building.

The flames appeared first in the suite of R. Friedlander & Co., manufacturers of X-ray apparatus. The explosion occurred in the suite of the fire occurred in the southwest corner of the skyscraper facing Randolph street, where the entire southwest corner of Field & Co.'s huge retail store, which occupied the entire southwest corner of the skyscraper, was filled with chemicals and other materials.

The fire was out within an hour. Owing to the extraordinary precautions adopted in constructing the building the loss, it is estimated, will not exceed \$50,000.

JUSTICES PROTEST TO ROOSEVELT

Their Treatment at White House Reception Brought to the Attention of President by Fuller and Harlan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Among the first callers on the President to-day were Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court. While they declined to discuss the object of their visit, it is known that they brought to the President's attention the matter of their treatment by Major Charles McCawley at the President's reception to the Judiciary on Thursday evening.

It is understood that they resent Maj. McCawley's action in giving some members of the Executive Corps precedence over them in the line passing before the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

The hold the action to have been unprecedented and in the circumstances unwarranted.

Subsequent to their conference with the President, the two justices stood in line with the other members of the Judiciary for a time. Chief Justice Fuller then went to the State Department.

Major McCawley defends the position he assumed by urging that, as guests of the nation, the diplomats were entitled to precedence in the line, irrespective of the fact that the reception was primarily to the judiciary.

MRS. CATHERINE BECHTEL, WHO WAS ACCUSED OF BEING AN ACCESSORY TO HER DAUGHTER'S MURDER.



SPECIAL EXTRA.

YOUNG NEILSON AT THE HOME OF HIS BRIDE

Jules Blanc Neilson, who, after three ineffectual attempts to gain entrance to the home of Mr. Frank T. Wall, the father of his bride, was admitted to the Wall mansion at No. 1009 Madison avenue late this afternoon.

Immediately after Mr. Neilson was in conference with Mr. Wall and Beverly Robinson, his wife's brother-in-law.

Beverly Robinson came out of the house at 5:45 o'clock. He said a settlement had been reached by the conference and that a formal statement would be made by the family late this evening.

Mr. Robinson refused to state the terms of settlement or whether it was an amicable one.

LATE WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.
Third Race—Scorpio 1, Ascension 2, Big Ben 3.
Fourth Race—Port Royal 1, De Reszke 2, Floyd K. 3.

15 LOST IN THRILLING LONG ISLAND SHIPWRECK

Only Two Seamen of the Augustus Hunt Rescued by Life-Savers, Who from Shore Hear the Despairing Shrieks of Men in Rigging.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WESTHAMPTON, L. I., Jan. 23.—Driven on the outer bar by one of the fiercest gales which has raged on this coast this winter, imprisoned by fields of ice which packed up behind her, and racked by the heavy seas which beat against her sides unmercifully, the four-masted schooner Augustus Hunt, bound from Norfolk to Boston, ended her last voyage a mile off this shore to-day.

It was the last voyage, too, for all but two of the crew of fifteen men who sailed from Norfolk with her last Monday. One by one the horrified groups along the shore watching the frantic struggle of the little craft with the raging elements saw the men who had fought so desperately for their lives drop from the masts and the rigging into the sea to rise no more.

And to aggravate the horror of it all, with the vessel less than a mile off shore and the screams of the doomed men ringing in their ears, the life-savers and fishermen hereabouts could do nothing but watch. What with clouds of fog which enveloped the struggling craft every few minutes, the southeast gale and the heavy ice which beat about it, it was impossible to launch a boat, although repeated efforts were made to do it.

It was about 2 o'clock when the Hunt, groping about in the fog, struck on the outer bar. She was doomed from that instant, for the enormous

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RACING IN MUD AT NEW ORLEANS

Lingo Shows Way Home in the Opening Event at Crescent City Track—Youngsters Meet in Second Race.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Lingo (4 to 1), 1, Sarilla (10 to 1), 2, Exasso 3.

SECOND RACE—Viperine (9 to 10), 1, Pinkie (5 to 1), 2, Fair Una 3.

RACE-TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 23.—The coolest weather of the new year prevailed in New Orleans to-day. Warm sunshine helped to make things pleasant at the track during the races and the usual Saturday crowd enjoyed some spirited sport.

W. E. Phillips, a recent arrival from Louisville, states that J. E. Madden has the most promising lot of juveniles he ever owned in winter quarters at Churchill Downs. Phillips was particularly impressed with the trials of three, Mirthful, Plaudit and Requalit youngsters in the Madden string. Albert Simmons has sold Dusky to W. P. Reed for \$1,000.

STARTING PRICES.
One mile, purse \$400; entrance \$10; for four-year-olds selling.
Lingo, 102, Starter, 10 to 1.
Sarilla, 104, H. Phillips, 10 to 1.
Exasso, 104, Minder, 10 to 1.
Viperine, 105, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Pinkie, 106, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Fair Una, 107, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Venus, 108, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Mirthful, 109, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Plaudit, 110, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Requalit, 111, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Dusky, 112, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Start good. Won driving. Place same.

Choice rushed to the front when the start came, showed the way until well into the final furlong. In the run home Lingo moved up strong and catching choice at the end. Sarilla finished with a rush after getting straggled for the final run. Grayna and Hist were crowded on the inside rail at the turn out of the back stretch and put out of the struggle.

SECOND RACE.
Three and a half furlongs; purse \$400; for two-year-olds filling.
Viperine, 110, H. Phillips, 10 to 1.
Pinkie, 108, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Fair Una, 109, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Mirthful, 110, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Plaudit, 111, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Requalit, 112, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Dusky, 113, Fuller, 10 to 1.
Start good. Won easily. Place driving.

HOWARD GOULD GOING SOUTH.
Among the prominent automobilists who will go to Ormond to see the automobile races are Howard Gould and his party of eighteen and W. H. Warren and party. They will leave with many others over the Southern Railway to-morrow at 3:35 P. M.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Sunday for New York City and vicinity: Cloudy and cooler to-night; Sunday generally fair and colder; fresh to brisk westerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

Further John's Medicine Cures Colds, Prevents Pneumonia. No poisonous drugs.

MRS. BECHTEL IS NOT GUILTY, HER JURY DECLARES

Verdict Acquitting the Aged Mother of the Charge of Being an Accessory After the Fact of the Murder of Her Daughter Quickly Returned This Afternoon.

DAUGHTER AND SONS RAN TO HER AND KISSED HER IN COURT-ROOM.

She Thanked the Members of the Jury Who Had Vindicated Her, and Was Soon Afterward Taken to Her Home—Affecting Scene Between Her and Her Counsel.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Catherine Bechtel was acquitted late this afternoon of being an accessory to the murder of her daughter Mabel.

The jury was out an hour and eighteen minutes, and it was feared that there would be a disagreement, but shortly before 4:30 o'clock they signified that they had reached a verdict, and were marched into the court-room, which was packed to suffocation.

Judge Trexler mounted the bench and cautioned the crowd that he would not tolerate any demonstration. Mrs. Bechtel was then brought in. The old woman bore up bravely under the strain, but her daughter and two sons, whose fates rested entirely on the verdict which the jury was about to pronounce, scanned the faces of the jurymen eagerly and were visibly excited.

"Not guilty!" almost yelled the foreman of the jury, when silence had been restored and the clerk had put the usual question.

In spite of the Judge's admonition the crowd broke into applause. The pent-up feelings of the crowd, which had watched the sufferings of this old woman, charged with a guilty knowledge of the murder of her daughter, would not be restrained.

Mrs. Bechtel thanked the jury. There was a remarkable scene in court as Judge Trexler left the bench. Mrs. Bechtel had just finished thanking the retiring jurymen for their verdict when her daughter Martha and her two sons rushed at her and fought with each other for the privilege of kissing her first.

Hundreds of women tried to kiss her too, and men fought for the opportunity of shaking her hand. Capt. Schmidt finally got her away from the crowd, placed her in a carriage in which she was taken home. A cheering crowd followed and made a demonstration in front of the house. There was an affecting scene between her and her counsel.

WADE IN SLUSH FROM THE CARS

Utter Folly of the "Near Side" Car Ordinance Shown by the Condition of New York's Streets To-day.

The Alderman who fails to record his vote against the "near side" car ordinance after New York's experience with the idiotic measure to-day deserves a card of admission to the psychopathic ward in Bellevue. If all the people who got wet feet in boarding and leaving street-cars during the day were to appeal in person to the Board of Aldermen to repeal the measure City Hall wouldn't hold them.

On asphalted streets the conditions were bad enough, but on the avenues and cross streets paved with blocks of street-car passengers unacquainted with rubber boots had to wade in water and slush over their shoetops. Women were the chief sufferers. In carrying bundles and grabbing the platform rails they had to let go of their skirts, which accounts for the bedraggled appearance of most of the female pedestrians in the shopping and theatre districts this afternoon.

WORRY CAUSED HER DEATH.

Mother Brooded Over Disappearance of Her Son.

Mrs. Catherine Fallon, of No. 111 E. 10th street, Brooklyn, died to-day in the Flatbush Avenue Hospital from an attack of heart disease. Her son James disappeared about a month ago. She was taken to the hospital last week. Her relatives believe that the illness was brought about by worrying over the account of the son's disappearance.